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"The answers to questions Nos. 114 [a], 115, 116 and 117 will be printed in the proceedings."

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" I think it is better if these questions are carried over to to-morrow so that Members will have an opportunity to put supplementary questions to-morrow."

MR. SPEAKER :—" If any hon. Member in whose name a question stands wants to put supplementary questions, let him give notice of his intention before 12 o'clock and that question will be taken up to-morrow for answer. That is the procedure we have been following all along."

Language test for Deputy Inspectors of Schools.

* 115 *Q.*—SRI K. R. SAMBANDAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is compulsory for the Deputy Inspectors of Schools in Tamilnad to learn Telugu or Hindi up to S.S.L.C. Standard ; and

(*b*) whether they are not allowed to draw full pay if they do not get through the examination?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) & (*b*) No. All the Deputy Inspectors of Schools are required to pass a language test of a standard equal to the S.S.L.C.—'A' group standard in two of the following languages, viz., Tamil, Telugu, Kannada, Malayalam, Urdu and Oriya, and, unless and until they have passed that test, they are not eligible for increments above the stage of Rs. 115 in their scale of pay of Rs. 85—5—125—10—175."

Procedure for the administration of costly drugs in Government Medical institutions.

* 116 *Q.*—SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether expensive medicines cannot be bought for use in Government hospitals ; and

(*b*) whether any rules or instructions exist which prevent Government hospital doctors from treating with such a patent drug as Chloromycitin at Government expense even if the patient is poor and even if the patient will die if that drug is not administered?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The following procedure has been laid down for the administration of costly drugs such as Chloromycitin to patients in Government medical institutions. Drugs which are not ordinarily or normally available at the Medical Stores Depot, Madras, and which are not among the drugs which are considered as

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indispensable for general practice, are deemed to be 'special and expensive drugs,' the cost of which is recovered from all patients. In the interests of poor patients suffering from Tuberculosis, the Government have sanctioned an annual expenditure of Rs. 40,000 on the purchase of Streptomycin for free administration in certain Government hospitals up to the limits prescribed for those institutions. On this analogy the Government have sanctioned an expenditure of Rs. 40,000 per annum on the purchase of Chloromycitin and Auromycin which are also costly drugs and are found useful in the treatment of Typhoid and other septic cases for free administration to poor patients in certain select institutions. The Superintendents of the select hospitals should administer the costly drugs free of charge to poor patients within the quota sanctioned for the hospital. Patients with an income of less than Rs. 500 and Government servants entitled to free medical attendance have to pay full or half the cost of drugs at the discretion of the Superintendent of the Hospital. In cases where the cost is not recovered in full, the reasons therefor should be recorded in writing."

Causeway across the Chitravathi river, Tadpatri taluk.

* 117 *Q.*—Sri K. V. Vema Reddi: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have considered the question of construction of a causeway across Chitravathi river near Yellanur village, Tadpatri taluk, and a bridge across the Chitravathi river near Gorantla in Hindupur taluk of Anantapur district; and

(*b*) if so, at what stage the matter stands?

The Hon. Sri N. Ranga Reddi :—" (*a*) & (*b*) Yes. The construction of a causeway across the Chitravathi river near Yellanur village, Tadpatri taluk, is on a District Board road and it is estimated to cost Rs. 1·5 lakhs. The Anantapur District Board is not in a position to execute it from its funds.

" The construction of a bridge at Gorantla at Mile 30/3 of the Kadiri, Palasamudram Road is on a major District Road under the control of the Government. The cost of constructing the bridge at the place is estimated at Rs. 1·08 lakhs. As the financial resources available are not adequate even for the schemes in execution, the two schemes can be taken up only later, in their turn."